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FORTNIGHTLY



PLUS SONIC 3D FLICKIES ISLAND SATURN REVIEW! BADNIK PIN-UP!

CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers,

I never thought I'd have anything in common with bad egg Doctor Robotnik, but due to chocolate overload over the Easter holiday, I'm also feeling temporarily out of action! Speaking of lickings, my guess is that by now this issue's free eat is lodged firmly in your face, so try saying the following four words out loud: red lolly, yellow lolly!

Also guaranteed to leave you tongue-tied is this all new story issue, together with another cracking Badnik Pin-up featuring Crawlton, plus there's a Review on the Sega Saturn launch Sonic 3D Flickies Island, which delves into our heroic hedgehog's mission to free the Flickies!

The full on frenzy continues in a fortnight with a Super Sonic story, plus Pin-up! See you then...

Megadroid

RAISE YOUR MUGS!



Change of Speedlines Prize!

Get a grip all you Boomers who were intent on winning a Sega Mega Hog Tag - the following news may be hard for you to swallow!

From now on, there's a new Speedlines prize - but don't be too disappointed, there's now a hottish Sonic 2 Crucial Cup up for grabs to those

Boomers who get their letters (and artwork) published in the UK's only official Sega comic!

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- 2 ● PREMIER MANAGER '97
- 3 ● THE LION KING
- 4 ↑ COMIX ZONE
- 5 ● SONIC 3D
- 6 ↓ MICRO MACHINES MILITARY
- 7 ↑ WORMS
- 8 RE STREETS OF RAGE 2
- 9 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 10 ↓ TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS

SATURN

- 1 ↑ TOMB RAIDER
- 2 ↓ VIRTUA COP 2
- 3 ● WORLDWIDE SOCCER '97
- 4 ● COMMAND AND CONQUER
- 5 NEW INTERNATIONAL VICTORY GOAL
- 6 NEW SEGA AGES
- 7 ↓ DAYTONA USA CHAMP EDITION
- 8 ↓ DOOM
- 9 ● ATHLETE KINGS
- 10 ↓ EXHUMED

MEGA-CD

- 1 RE ECCO THE DOLPHIN
- 2 ↑ THUNDERHAWK
- 3 ↓ TOMCAT ALLEY
- 4 ↓ SILPHEED
- 5 RE HOOK
- 6 RE ETERNAL CHAMPIONS
- 7 ↓ ROAD AVENGER
- 8 ↓ SONIC CD
- 9 RE CHUCK ROCK 2
- 10 RE WOLFCHILD

GAME GEAR

- 1 ↑ DYNAMITE HEADDY
- 2 RE MICRO MACHINES
- 3 ↑ COLUMNS
- 4 ↓ MICRO MACHINES 2
- 5 ↑ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 6 ↑ SONIC: TRIPLE TROUBLE
- 7 RE FANTASTIC ADVENTURES OF DIZZY
- 8 ↓ ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 9 RE COSMIC SPACEHEAD
- 10 NEW MAN OVERBOARD

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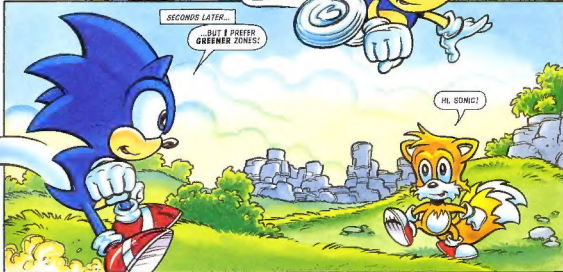
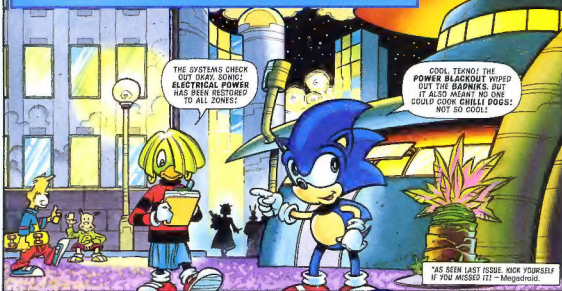
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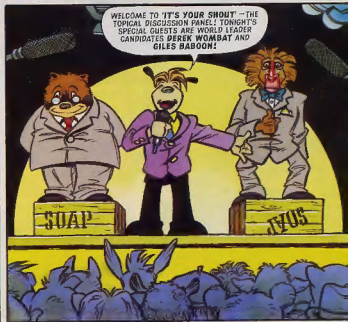
VOTE FOR ME

COMPLEY STORY

Script: LEW STRICKER Art: ROBERTO CERROS Colorists: JOHN BROWN Lettering: TIM PERRY

IT'S A DAY OF GREAT JOY ON PLANET MOBIUS AS DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS AT LAST BEEN DEFEATED!





PEOPLE OF MOBIUS! VOTE FOR ME, DEREK WOMBAT, AND I PROMISE YOU FREE SCHOOL GRADY FOR EVERY CHILD! I WILL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BUTTONS ON SHIRTS, AND I PROMISE WHITER SNOW AT CHRISTMAS!



MY DEAR CITIZENS! VOTE FOR ME, GILES BABOON, AND I PROMISE TO LOWER THE LEGAL MAIRCUT LIMIT TO ELBOW LEVEL! I WILL BAN THE WEARING OF WHITE SOCKS AND ENCOURAGE THE FORMING OF MORE BOY BANDS!



AHEM! DO EITHER OF YOU PROPOSE TO HELP VICTIMISED ANT COLONIES?



A BIG ANTEATER ATE GRANDMA LAST WEEK, YOU SEE!

HRRUMPH! ...THE ANT SITUATION WILL BE CONSIDERED IN... ER... DUE TIME!

BUT I WILL CONSIDER IT FIRST!



WOW! IT'S A TOUGH CHOICE!

YEAH! SHOULD YOU VOTE FOR A BOZO OR A WINGNUT?



A WEEK LATER...

WITH ONE DAY TO GO UNTIL THE ELECTION, THE LEADERSHIP BATTLE IS HOTTING UP!

MAAM, TIME TO SEE WHICH ONE HAS THE HOTTEST HOT AIR!

AFTER AN ARGUMENT CONCERNING HOMEWORK FOR PARENTS, WOMBAT AND BABOON HAVE PUT ON ARMoured BATTLE SUITS AND ARE HAVING A SLANGING MATCH!

I DESERVE TO BE WORLD LEADER!

CLONK!

RUBBISH! THE PEOPLE WILL VOTE FOR ME!

WHO SAID POLITICS WAS BORING!

THE 'POLITICAL' DEBATE CONTINUES...

PERHAPS MY LASER BLASTER WILL CONVINCE YOU OF MY POLICIES!

ME! TIME I SORTED THIS OUT!

AAGH! I HEAR WHAT YOU ARE SAYING...

...BUT PERHAPS THIS
LAMP POST WILL HELP YOU
SEE MY POINT OF VIEW!

KTANNG!

UGH!

**CHILL OUT, CLOWNS!
YOU'RE WRECKING THE
CITY!**

SCREECH!

THIS IS NOTHING...
ONCE ELECTED, I INTEND TO
DEMOLISH THIS ZONE AND
BUILD A CAR PARK!

THAT'S
MY IDEA!
YOU'VE
STOLEN
IT!

I DID
NOT
PINCH
YOUR IDEA!

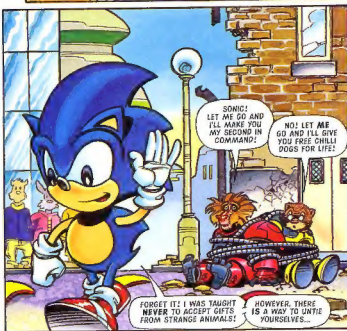
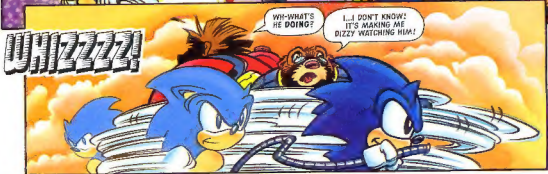
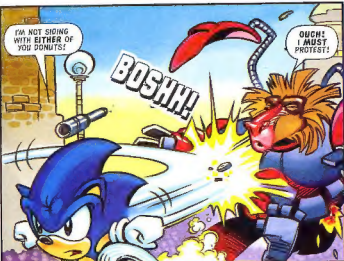
SMASH!

DID!
DID!
DID!

THESE GOONS
DON'T CARE ABOUT
THE PEOPLE! IT'S
CLEAR TO ME THAT
THEY JUST ABUSE
THEIR POWER!

WE'VE JUST
GOT RID OF
ONE EGOTISTICAL
RULER! WE
DON'T NEED
ANOTHER!

**YIKES! DON'T TELL
ME YOU'RE SIDING
WITH BABOON!**



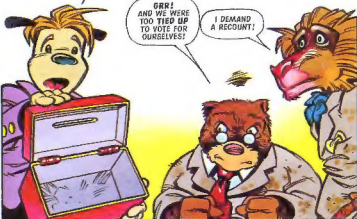
THE RESULTS ARE IN!
NOW WE'LL SEE WHO WILL
BE NEW WORLD LEADER!



THE BALLOT BOX IS
EMPTY! NO ONE VOTED
FOR EITHER OF YOU!

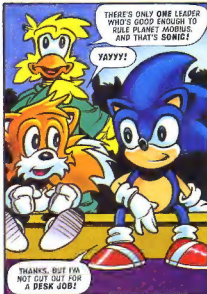
GRR!
AND WE WERE
TOO TIED UP
TO VOTE FOR
OURSELVES!

I DEMAND
A RECOUNT!



THERE'S ONLY ONE LEADER
WHO'S GOOD ENOUGH TO
RULE PLANET MOBIUS.
AND THAT'S SONIC!

YAYYY!



THANKS, BUT I'M
NOT CUT OUT FOR
A DESK JOB!

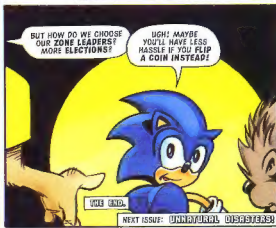
MAYBE NO ONE SHOULD
HAVE THE POWER TO RULE THE
WHOLE PLANET! PERHAPS EACH
ZONE SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN
LEADER TO CARE FOR ITS PEOPLE!

COOL
IDEA!



BUT HOW DO WE CHOOSE
OUR ZONE LEADERS?
MORE ELECTIONS?

UGH! MAYBE
YOU'LL HAVE LESS
PASSLE IF YOU FLIP
A COIN INSTEAD!



THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: UNNATURAL DISASTERS!

THE FLOATING
ISLAND.

KNUCKLES

LOOSE ENDS

Script: NIGEL KITCHING

Art: NIGEL DORRYN

Lettering: ELITTA PELL

COMPLETE
STORY

THE WAR WITH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK MAY BE OVER,
BUT THERE ARE STILL ONE OR TWO ITEMS OF
UNFINISHED BUSINESS...

EASY
NOW... REMEMBER
HOW DANGEROUS
HE CAN BE!

NO!
I DON'T
BELIEVE
IT!

DOCTOR
ZACHARY HAS
ESCAPED!

*SEE LAST ISSUE FOR THE FULL STORY OF DOCTOR ZACHARY-Megadroid.



KNICKLES,
LOOK! HE MUST
HAVE GOT INTO THE
TUNNELS... THE
FLOATING ISLAND IS
RIDDLED WITH
THEM!

YOU'RE
RIGHT, PORKER.
WE'D BETTER GET
AFTER HIM.




NOW WAIT
JUST **ONE MINUTE**,
KNICKLES!

WHAT?




I THINK I
SPEAK FOR ALL OF THE
EMERALD HILL FOLK WHEN
I SAY WE WANT TO
GO HOME!

YOU
TELL HIM
S DNEY!



WE REALLY
APPRECIATE YOU LETTING
US HIDE OUT ON THE FLOATING
ISLAND. WITHOUT YOU, ROBOT-
N-K WOULD HAVE FINISHED
US OFF AGES AGO.



BUT WE'VE BEEN
THROUGH A LOT, AND SURELY
ZACHARY ISN'T GOING TO BE
ANY TROUBLE FOR A WHILE
AT LEAST.



LIHHH!

YEAH, OKAY.
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE
RIGHT.



ZACHARY'S
ROBOTS! LOOK
OUT!

WHAT?
THE ROBOTS
THEY'VE RE-
BOOTED!



DON'T
LET THEM
CAPTURE US
AGG'IN

ATTACK!

NO,
STOP...



I'VE GOT
TO DO SOMETHING
BEFORE ANYONE
GETS HURT!

SLAM!

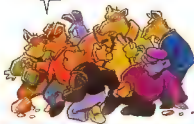


AGGGH!

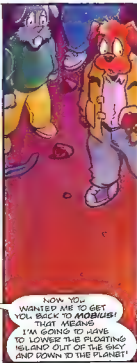


STOP!
THE ROBOTS
WON'T HURT
YOU!

ARE YOU
KIDDING? HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN THESE
CREEPS WORK FOR
ZACHARY?



NOT ANY MORE! THE
PROGRAM WHICH MADE
THE ROBOTS SERVE
ZACHARY HAS BEEN
DESTROYED!
THIS TIME YOU
ATTACKED THEM, THEY
WERE DEFENDING
THEMSELVES!



NOW YOU
WANTED ME TO GET
YOU BACK TO MOBIUS!
THAT MEANS
I'M GOING TO HAVE
TO LOWER THE FLOATING
ISLAND OUT OF THE SKY
AND DOWN TO THE PLANET!

BOY,
WHEN ROBOTNIK
DRAGGED US OFF TO
THAT PLACE, I
THOUGHT IT WAS
ALL OVER!

SO
DID I!

GO BACK
TO THE VILLAGE
AND GATHER YOUR
BELONGINGS. YOU'RE
GOING HOME!



WILL
YOU COME WITH
ME TO THE EMERALD
CHAMBER, PORKER?
I COULD USE A
LITTLE HELP!

SURE, IT'S
THE LEAST I
CAN DO!



LATER IN THE EMERALD CHAMBER, NERVE CENTRE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND

YOU MIGHT HAVE TIDIED UP A LITTLE WHILE I WAS AWAY FORKER

YOU'RE KIDDING... I WOULDN'T DARE TOUCH ANYTHING IN HERE!

SEE THAT CHEST OVER THERE IT'S FULL OF PLANS AND DIAGRAMS OF THE FLOATING ISLAND!!

*REGULAR BOOMERS WILL KNOW ALL ABOUT KNUCKLES' JOURNEY BACK TO THE FLOATING ISLAND WITH THE CHEST - Meegadroid

AND WITH THEIR HELP, I'M GOING TO REPAIR THE FLOATING ISLAND AND RETURN IT TO ITS FORMER GLORY!

THIS IS THE DAWNING OF A GREAT NEW AGE. AN AGE WITHOUT ROBOTNIK

I THINK I'M GOING TO ENJOY IT!

KNUCKLES WILL RETURN SOON!

NEXT ISSUE: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SUPER SONIC?

Decap Attack

COMPLETE
STORY

WALLS

SCRIPT: NIGEL KITCHING & RICHARD RAYNER

ART: MICK McMAHON

LETTERING: ELLIE DE'VILLE

IN CASTLE
FRANK N STEIN
ISOR IS A MAN
WITH A MISSION

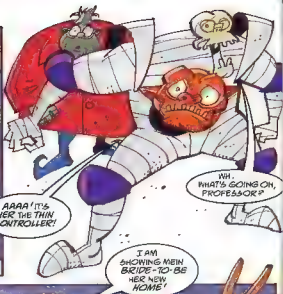
WE'VE GOT
TO DO SOMETHING.
WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE
THE PROF DOWN
THERE!

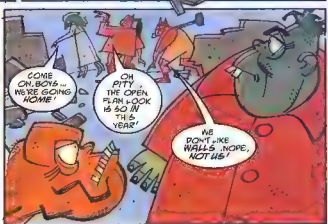
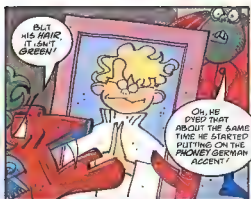
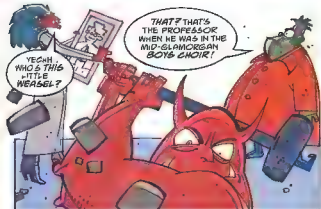
I'VE TOLD
YOU BEFORE, NEVER
DISTURB HEAD AND ME
WHILE WE'RE WATCHING
THE CHIMPSONS!

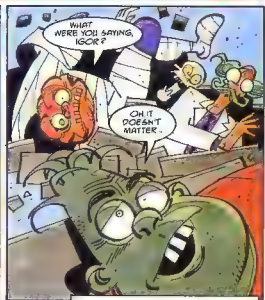
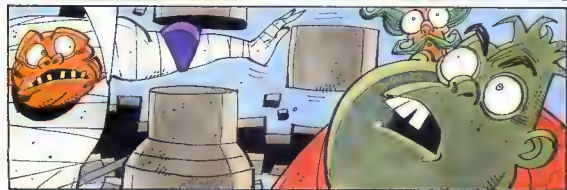
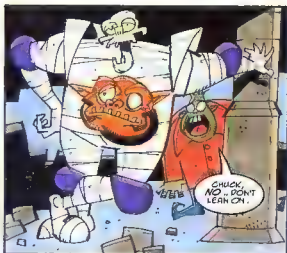
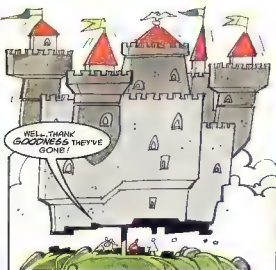
"YOU TELL HIM,
CHUCK!"

LOOK, THE
PROFESSOR IS
TRAPPED IN HELL WITH
THAT LOVE SICK DEMON
WOMAN. WE MUST
RESCUE HIM!

MAINLY
BECAUSE HE'S
THE ONE WHO PAYS
MY WAGES!







REVIEW ZONE

YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

SEGA'S HATING SYSTEM
UNDER 40 = YAWNsville

40-70 = YAWNsville
70-90 = YAWNsville

90-99 = BIG TIME CITY
OVER 99 = KIVA CITY

SONIC 3D FLICKIES ISLAND

Reviewed by Chris Jones



SATURN

GAME TYPE: 3-D PLATFORM
PLAYERS: 1

PUBLISHER: SEGA
PRICE: £44.99

RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW
AGE SUITABILITY: ALL



Stand by for the beginning of yet another games war! Sonic 3D Flickies Island is being launched two weeks before that crafty plumber debuts with his new 3D game (cute; his name begins with 'M!'). Indeed, it may have inspired Sega to revamp Sonic and send him into a 3D platform game

packed with bright colours, excellent sound and innovative gameplay.

In Sonic 3D Flickies Island, our heroic hedgehog's mission is to free the Flickies (the rabbits and birds that have starred in the previous Sonic games). The Flickies have all been turned into Badniks by the evil Doctor Robotnik and Sonic must battle over seven massive zones, each with three stages to master. As expected, each zone has a different theme; for instance, the Snow Mountain Zone is a mass of frozen ice on which Sonic slips and slides, can get caught in avalanches and can become encased in ice. The three dimensional gameplay means Sonic can move left and right and into the foreground or background. The whole screen is your



playground and can be explored.

The graphics are slick and the character movement is smooth. For the Saturn version of this game, an all new CD quality soundtrack has been added and Sonic can 'do his stuff' to dance, orchestral, or jazz funk music. Those of you who grew up with Sonic will relish seeing him on this format. All the classic features from his adventures are packed into this game: the rings, secret bonus levels, Tails and Knuckles, and the end of level bosses. Right on!

PERAL COUNTRYMAN

RAVES

Let's go...
Super Sonic!



GRAPHICS 85

SOUND 90

GRAVES

May not have
all heads in
a spin!



PLAYABILITY 75

OVERALL 80

NEW
STORY

SONIC'S WORLD

INVASION OF THE VEG HEADS

Script: LEW STRINGER Art: ANDY PRITCHETT Lettering: ELLIE DE'VILLE

THE PLOWRIGHT ZONE AGRICULTURAL LAND OF PLANET MOBIUS IS LOCATED NEAR THE NOW-DISUSED CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE.

WHERE FARMER NIGE PROUDLY ADMIRES HIS VEGETABLE CROP

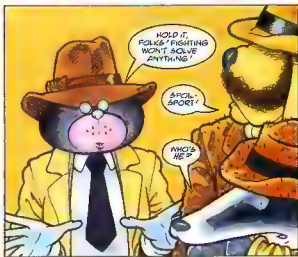
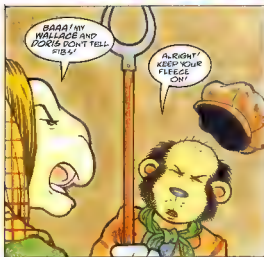
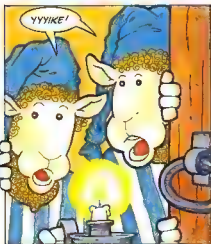
OOO-ARR!
DUNNO WHAT I BEEN
DOIN' THIS YEAR, BUT I BEEN
DOIN IT RIGHT! THEM'S THE
BIGGEST VEG I'VE
EVER GROWN!

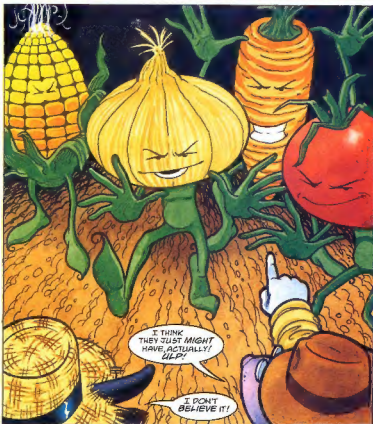
ARR! I BE N
FOR A FAIR OL' CHANCE
OF WINNIN A PRIZE FOR
THE SIZE OF ME ONIONS
THIS HARVEST!

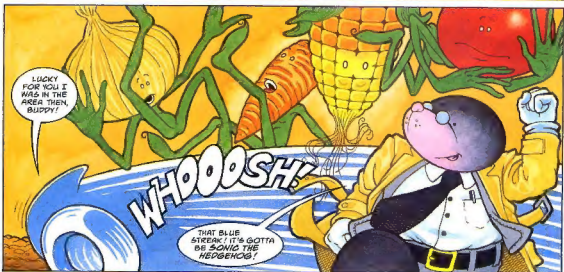
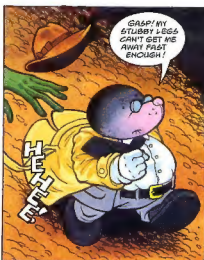
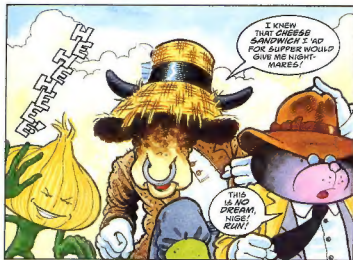
THAT NIGHT, STRANGE
FIGURES PROWL THE
STREETS IN THE
NEARBY VILLAGE

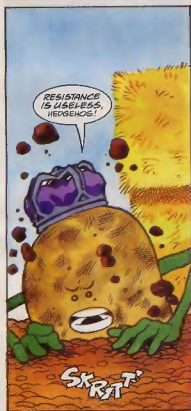
HEHEHEEE!

SKREE!









NEXT ISSUE: SALAD DAZE!



SPEED LINES

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OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).

EAT DIRT

James Wallace,
Widnes,
Cheshire.
Sonic 2 Crucial
Cup Winner.



SKELETON STAFF!

Dear Megadroid,

It may be a long time ago, but I'm still wondering what happened to Skull from Decap Attack back in STC 89? One minute he was shoved into a van, and then he was back in the next issue without so much as a scratch! Why didn't the writer Nigel Kitching go on to explain how Skull was rescued? Stephen Robertson, Law, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.



It just goes to prove Stephen, how much Hume Kitching is a master of mystery and suspense!



Send your e-mail messages to:
stc@egmont.co.uk

Be sure to include your e-mail format address
if you wish to join a club.

VIVA RODRIGUEZ!

Dear Megadroid,

I think that the artist Ferran Rodriguez who paints the Badnik Pin-ups is excellent and was surprised that he didn't attend the UKCAC convention in London. Also, I didn't go either as I live too far away. Craig White, Glasgow, Scotland. Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.



Unfortunately for STC Craig, Ferran lives even further away than you do...Spain. But what about the other fine, talented creators who did attend, eh? (those concerned make cheques payable to Megadroid!).

EVERYTHING PRINTED IN SPEEDLINES WINS A SONIC 2 CRUCIAL CUP!



James Davies, Swansea, Wales,
Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.

SNAPPY TUNES!

Dear STC,

Since Chaotix Crew member Rector has a personal stereo, could you please tell me which music he's been playing during his recent adventures?

Peter Zojac, Tyne & Wear. (please send in full address details)
Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.



Hymns by the sound of things, but I suspect that 'Vector' has a soft spot for Jimmy Nail's Crocodile Shoes!